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## FATAL SHOT

### Fired Into the Body of Victor Caperton by John Damron.

#### Killing Occurred on the Streets of Louisa Last Saturday Evening as Result of Trivial Quarrel.

Shortly after six o'clock on last Saturday evening an affray occurred on Main Cross street, this city, between William Caperton and Victor and Fred, his sons, on the one side and John Damron on the other, which resulted in the fatal shooting of Victor Caperton. Concerning the origin of the difficulty, as well as the various phases of the fatal meeting, there are almost as many versions as there were witnesses of the killing. All, however, are agreed that the trouble began in the barber shop of George Atkins, located on the West side of the street, between the stores of W. D. Pierce and J. R. Crotcher. William Caperton and John Damron were both in the shop, but there was nothing in the demeanor of the two men that would indicate any bad feeling between them until Damron said something about getting a musical instrument to play at some sort of a gathering. Caperton then said something at which Damron took offense. The two men at once began to quarrel, and while so engaged, it is said that Victor and Fred Caperton entered the shop and joined in the wrangle. At this point the story has different versions. Some say that Damron was out of the front door by the time the two men were engaged, while others say he went into the street, followed by the two men. Upon reaching the street, Victor drew a .38 calibre revolver and warned them to keep back, but the advance continued and three shots were fired. The first shot, it is said, was fired by William Caperton, missing the mark, and that it was the third shot that caught Victor. Others say it was the second shot that struck Victor. Immediately after he was shot, Victor fell forward, his hands touching the ground, but with great effort he straightened up and started to the hospital. He walked nearly all the way there with the assistance of one man. He displayed wonderful nerve, but when near the building he began to sink and had to be carried in. He was suffering intensely and prayed to be relieved from his great pain. Later he prayed God to have mercy upon him. As soon as possible he was chloroformed and Dr. York and Bromley operated in the vain hope of saving his life. The ball had passed through the seventh rib, near the breast bone, ranging to the right and downward, perforating the intestines in three places. The bullet was not found. Death from shock and hemorrhage occurred about two o'clock Sunday morning. Caperton received a terrible wound in the abdomen several years ago from which few thought he would ever recover. The operation performed last Saturday for his relief showed how desperately he had been hurt, and further that as a result of that injury his liver was seriously affected so much so that it would have caused his death at some no distant day.

About 24 hours after Caperton's tragic death he was buried in the Falkerson cemetery. The weather was intensely hot and it was not possible to keep the body any longer. Preceding the burial appropriate services, conducted by the Rev. W. L. Reid, of the Southern Methodist church, were held at the home. A large number of friends of the family attended, and many followed the body to the grave. Caperton was about 34 or 35 years old and married.

One of the bullets fired during the affray passed through the window of the barber shop, the bottom and left side, rang the right and entered a

cupboard two or three feet from the floor and made a big hole in a mandolin. The third bullet could not be traced or found.

After the shooting, Damron, who is a young married man, walked slowly away in the direction of his home in West Louisa. Search was made for him, but up to this hour he has not been apprehended.

#### Teacher's Institute.

Supt. O'Daniel informs the public through the News that Mr. M. F. Winfrey, of Middlesboro, will conduct the Lawrence county institute, beginning in Louisa August 8. Mr. O'Daniel has also engaged Miss Gray as conductor of the primary department. Mr. Winfrey's reputation as a teacher and conductor of institutes is too well known to require further notice. It was a good action on part of the Superintendent to secure the service of a competent teacher for the conduct of that often neglected feature of an institute, instruction in the manner of taking care of the beginning pupil. The date is a good one, as it does not conflict with anything.

#### Consolidates Coal Properties.

The Kentucky River Consolidated Coal Co., of Ashland, Ky., has incorporated with an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000. Its incorporators include John F. Hager, president; J. W. M. Stewart, B. E. Whitman and James G. Hervey, all of Ashland, and John M. Hopkins, of Catlettsburg, Ky. With reference to the enterprise the Manufacturers' Record is informed that the new company assembles into one holding properties which have heretofore been separately owned by the same interests. Plans for development have not been decided.

#### DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

##### July 23rd is Date for the County Congressional Gatherings.

Pursuant to the call of its Chairman, Wm. A. Young, the Democratic Executive Committee of the Ninth Congressional District of the State of Kentucky met at the Court House at Morehead, Rowan county, Kentucky, at 11 o'clock, A. M. June 28th, 1910, for the purpose of determining the time and manner of nominating a Democratic candidate for Congress in said District, to be voted for at the November Election 1910. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wm. A. Young. All the counties in the district were represented by delegates or by proxy. W. A. Young being the proxy for Lawrence. The various aspirants for the nomination were present and spoke briefly. It was agreed that County Mass Conventions be held at the County Seat in each county on July 23rd, 1910, at two o'clock, P. M. standard for the purpose of selecting delegates who shall assemble and hold a District Nominating Convention on July 27th, 1910, at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., standard time.

In accordance with the party law, and upon motion to that effect, the basis of representation, for each county, in the District Convention was fixed at one (1) vote for each two hundred (200) votes and fraction over one hundred (100) votes cast in each county for the Democratic candidates for Presidential Electors at the November Election, 1908.

Carlisle, Nicholas co., was unanimously chosen as the place for holding District Convention Wednesday, July 27th, 1910.

#### Real Estate Sale.

John Gartin has sold his Lock avenue residence to Roscoe Murray, possession given at once. The consideration was \$1600. Mr. Murray is one of the College faculty and will occupy his purchase.

Council held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, all present except J. B. Peters. After the reports of the various officers much conversation ensued, and during a full the board adjourned.

#### Particulars of Miss Diamond's Wedding

The News has received the following notice of the marriage of a young lady, formerly of this city: Miss Florence Pearl Diamond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Diamond, and Mr. Chas. E. Baker, of Table Grove, Illinois, were united in marriage at two o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, at the home of the bride, in the north part of town.

Only relatives and a very few friends were present at the wedding, which was solemnized by Rev. Senior, of the Episcopal church.

The bride wore a beautiful costume of white and carried a large bouquet. The interior of the Diamond home was decorated in pink and white, and after the wedding ceremony those present were served with an elegant wedding dinner. The bride couple was to leave upon the evening train for the home of the groom at Table Grove. They will start upon their wedding trip in a few days, taking a steamer at St. Louis and going to Albany, mostly by way of the river and Great Lakes.

Mr. Baker is a traveling salesman, who carries the grip for a dental supply house. The people he has met, while here in town, all swear by him and maintain that he is a real prince.

Mrs. Baker is a handsome young woman, of fine presence, splendid attainments, and all of the womanly graces—in fact a true daughter of the famous land of beautiful women. The people of Lamar join in wishing the young people happiness and good fortune.

#### Wayne Lodge Elects Officers.

Wayne R. A. M. No. 18, of W. Va., elected officers as follows: P. P. Lester, High Priest; J. C. Lambert, King; R. S. Sansom, Scribe; B. Mosser, Secretary; G. W. Workman, Treasurer; J. Lambert, Captain of Hosts; William Fry, Principle Sojourner; W. B. Garrett, Royal Arch Captain; E. L. Haws, Master 3rd Vell; F. W. Terrell, Master 2nd Vell; C. G. Fry, Master 1st Vell; G. T. Saunders, Sentinel.

#### Both Patriotic.

On Sunday morning last the Rev. Mr. Reid delivered a sermon in the M. E. church, South, based upon the text, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Bro. Reid and some of his congregation attended the M. E. church at night and listened to a discourse by Dr. Hanford from the same text but along entirely different lines. Both were fine sermons.

#### State Anti-Saloon League.

On Sunday next Rev. L. S. Fuller, president of the Lexington district of the State Anti-Saloon League will deliver an address at the M. E. church, South in the morning. He will deliver another in the evening in one of the other Louisa churches, but which one has not yet been determined. Mr. Fuller's work will be in behalf of the league of which he is an officer.

#### The County S. S. Convention.

The Lawrence County Sunday School Association convened in this city Thursday morning in the M. E. church, South and will continue in session until noon Friday, be presented and discussed, and our people should be present as often as possible. Delegates and visitors are present from all parts of the county. Later the News will give a full report of this interesting meeting.

#### Know What It Is.

All who attended the "function" held at the hotel Savoy last Friday evening knew to their inward satisfaction what a New England supper, with trimmings, is. The attendance was large, the social feature was enjoyable, and the treasury of the Aid Society, or whatever they may call it, of the M. E. church, South, is the gain thereby.

A crowd of young Louisa people went to Cliftonville Thursday evening to attend the dance.

## TWO GIRLS

### Drowned in Tug River While Bathing Last Saturday.

#### Nona Mooney and Nona Ferguson Lose Their Lives in Deep Water Near Warfield, Ky.

What is known as the "turn hole," a deep pool in Tug river, at the lower end of Warfield, Martin county, was the scene of an accident about two o'clock last Saturday afternoon whereby two young lives were lost and two families of the town were plunged into deepest grief and sorrow. Shortly before that hour a party of young girls had gone to the river for the purpose of bathing. They had not been in the water very long before loud cries from some of them attracted the attention of persons living close to the spot. It was at once seen that three of the girls had gone out beyond their depth and were struggling for life. Ben Pinaon, whose heroic action should never be forgotten, rushed to the river and plunged into the water. He seized one of the girls and with great difficulty brought her to the shore. He again went to the rescue, but two of the girls, Nona Mooney, aged 15, daughter of Charles Mooney, of Warfield, and Nona Ferguson, aged 16, daughter of John Ferguson, had gone to death in the swirling waters of the muddy Tug. The sad intelligence of the untimely death of these young girls rapidly spread, and soon a large number of men were searching for the bodies. In about three quarters of an hour from the time the accident happened both bodies were found near the head of the shoal, below the pool where the drowning occurred. All possible means of resuscitation were used for a long time, but the vital spark had been quenched. On the following day in the presence of a large number of people both bodies were buried in the same grave.

Johnson, the father of one of the girls, formerly lived in Wayne county, W. Va., and was an employee of the N. and W. railroad, on the Twelve Pole division. He lives with his family on the old Mark Dempsey place, a mile below the town of Warfield. Brave Ben Pinaon very nearly lost his life in his effort to save the girl who was rescued. He was nearly exhausted before he reached the shore and would have been swept off his feet had he not been helped by a woman who waded out and caught him before he was carried away. The girl he saved was a sister of the Mooney girl who lost her life. The "turn hole" got its name from the fact that owing to the narrowness of the Tug river at Warfield steamboats which had gone up the river to the town were compelled to back down to the deep, wide pool where this unfortunate accident occurred and turn there before continuing their downstream trip.

#### Wm. Yancey Erwin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Erwin, of Lexington, are in Louisa for a stay of two or three weeks. Mr. Erwin is a poet of much ability, evidenced by the works of his which are now before the public. "Wanted and Other Poems" and "Original Rhymes and Acrostics" have won flattering comment from the press and the public wherever they have been introduced. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin have rooms at John Elwick's.

#### Church Census of Louisa.

Representatives of the various Louisa churches have taken a census of our citizens regarding their preference for denominations. The following is the result: Mormon 1, Free-Will Baptist 1, Seventh Day Advent 2, Presbyterian 3, Congregationalist 2, Methodist

Protestant 6, Roman Catholic 3, United Baptist 9, Episcopal 16, M. E. church, South 410, M. E. church 282, Missionary Baptist 392, Christian 144, no preference 44 not at home 3. The number of children under eighteen years of age in the town is 530. The number listed among the colored people of the three churches was 107.

#### Miss Wyser's Recital.

Miss Ruth Wyser, of Paintsville, appeared in Recital at Eldorado theatre, this city, last Saturday evening. The audience was quite large and the applause was generous, the lady's auditors testifying in this and in other ways to their appreciation of her efforts to please. Between the numbers of the program several of Louisa's musical amateurs rendered pleasing vocal and instrumental selections.

Miss Wyser had offered a handsome necklace to the young lady who sold the largest number of tickets of admission to her entertainment. After her last number Miss Wyser announced that Miss Estalina Fagg was the winner of the prize, and calling Miss Fagg to the front she presented the ornament to her.

#### Two Young People Married.

On last Saturday evening Creed Gearheart and Miss Irma Wilson, both of Louisa, went to the residence of Rev. Dr. Hanford, pastor of the M. E. church, and in the presence of a few witnesses were by him united in marriage. The groom is a worthy young man, 20 years old, and holds a first class teacher's certificate. The bride is a pretty and attractive girl, 17 years old, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garred S. Wilson. The young people have the best wishes of their many friends.

#### DEATH'S WORK.

##### The Summons Comes Suddenly to Mrs. Chas. Miller—Other Deaths.

Death of Miss Vanhoose. After a long illness caused by consumption Miss Puss Vanhoose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Vanhoose, of Fort Gay, Miss Puss Vanhoose died at her home in that place on Monday last. She suffered much during her sickness and death was a relief. She was buried on Tuesday near Fort Gay, after religious services conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bryan. The funeral was largely attended, many from this place and Paintsville being among the number. Those from Paintsville were Dr. I. R. Turner, brother of Mrs. Vanhoose, Jeff Vanhoose, Miss Sylvia Preston, Miss Rasha Kirk and Miss Thelma Meek.

#### Sudden Death.

Mrs. Charles Miller, who lived on Miller's branch, near Cadmus, this county, died suddenly at her home about dark on Wednesday evening. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of death. Mrs. Miller was about 50 years of age and was the wife of Charles Miller, a leading merchant of the county. The burial occurred on Thursday near the home of William Riffe, of East Fork.

#### Rev. F. F. Shannon.

This old Louisa boy and well known Brooklyn preacher is expected to arrive here next week to spend at least a portion of his vacation with relatives. "Our Fred" enjoys these annual returns to the scenes of his boyhood days, and his pleasure is no greater than the pleasure felt by his Louisa friends when he comes to see them.

#### Phil. Fannin III.

Phil. Fannin, one of the best and most favorably known citizens of Normal, is at his home suffering with a very serious affliction. It was reported that his malady has been pronounced typhoid fever, by the physician. Should this prove to be correct it will evidently set very hard with the patient, owing to his advanced years.

#### The Fourth Celebrated.

The celebration of the Fourth of July in Louisa was not a very hilarious affair. The programme was gotten up at a late hour, with very little time for preparation, but if the weather had been favorable the crowd of visitors would have been large. Heavy rain fell all forenoon, but notwithstanding the decided dampness a goodly number from the country braved the inclement weather and came to town. About noon the clouds broke away, and some features of the programme were presented.

Mr. Edgar Hager, of Ashland, had been secured to deliver an appropriate address, and about one o'clock a large audience assembled in the court house to hear him. He was introduced in fitting terms by Mr. H. C. Sullivan. Mr. Hager then spoke for nearly an hour, having listened to with close attention. Mr. Hager is a fine speaker, and his address following historical and patriotic lines, elicited much applause.

There was no parade, the bad weather preventing. Several balloons were sent up during the afternoon. Many names of visitors were drawn from a box, each person named drawing a prize. This was also an interesting feature. The Louisa brass band was much in evidence all day, doubtless contributing to the enjoyment of the crowd. In the evening a sale of ice cream for the benefit of the band was held in the court house park. The day passed with no disorder of any sort.

#### Marvin Compton Prichard.

Cards announcing the birth of a son to Dr. and Mrs. J. Allen Prichard, of Mavry, Boyd county. Name, Marvin Compton Prichard, weight, six pounds. Mrs. Prichard was for a long time the esteemed correspondent of the News for Buchanan.

#### Entertained At Finch.

Mrs. L. L. Herr entertained very handsomely at Finch on Thursday of last week. There were six tables. The Finch Club of sixties and eight other ladies were the guests. The refreshment was dainty, delicious and devoured.

#### Usefully Employed.

It has been suggested that two of those replevin bonds might be usefully employed by the improvement committee in harvesting the large crop of dogwood and other native herbs now showing in our midst.

#### R. M. Curnuttie Hurt.

By reason of the bad, and a plank on a scaffold upon which was at work, R. M. Curnuttie, a well known carpenter, is carrying his right arm in a sling. The injury is a very painful one.

#### Extraordinary Rainfall.

On last Tuesday afternoon it was probably the biggest fall of rain ever seen in Louisa, considering its duration, flooded our streets. In the short space of thirty-five minutes the gauge showed a fall of one and eighty-five hundredths inches.

#### Eth 'Opia.

In a musical entertainment by this name, presented at the Richmond, Ky., opera house, Vincent Johnson, the bright young son of J. B. (Dick) Johnson, formerly of this city, appeared as Daniel Dornnothing, a picaninny.

#### Holding Institutes.

Prof. Byington is in Martin county this week instructing the teachers' institute. He and Prof. Kennison will go to Pikeville next week to conduct the institute of that county.

#### A Bible Love Song.

The Rev. Dr. Hanford will continue his series of midsummer sermons by preaching a discourse with the above name next Sunday night. Interest in these sermons continues.